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RWANDA

(U) The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) held its first plenary session June 27 in The Hague. In his opening statement, UN Legal Counsel Hans Corell outlined the mandate of the ICTR and noted that the leaders and principal planners of genocide would be brought to justice. Rwandan Minister of Justice Alphonse Nkubito expressed the GOR's strong support for the Tribunal and said that results in the near future are of crucial importance. The eleven judges who were formally sworn in will continue meeting through June 29 to elect a president and adopt rules of procedure and evidence.

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(LOU) Bujumbura was generally quiet today but looting was reported in Kamenge. The Embassy received reports that Tutsi residents of the Bujumbura neighborhoods of Cibitoke and Ngagara entered Kamenge June 27 and began looting houses deserted by fleeing Hutu residents of Kamenge. The Burundi National Security Council issued an official appeal for the residents of Kamenge to return to their homes.

(LOU) A/S Moose reported by telephone from Addis Ababa that OAU SecGen Salim Salim will lead a mission to Bujumbura soon in an effort to promote reconciliation and end the violence. Following his visit, representatives of the conflicting parties in Burundi will be invited to Addis for an OAU-sponsored conference to promote reconciliation and dialogue.

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